

## YEAS—23.

Abercrombie,	Glasscock,
Allen,	Gregg,
Armistead,	Harrison,
Bell,	Knittle,
Burges,	McDonald,
Burney,	Simkins,
Calhoun,	Stinson,
Camp,	Terrell,
Claiborne,	Upshaw,
Douglas of G.	Woodward,
Field,	Woods.
Frank,	

## NAYS—2.

Douglas of J,	Lane.
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## SENATOR ARMISTEAD

Moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 7, was ordered engrossed, and moved to lay that motion on the table.

Adopted.

House concurrent resolution, "Resolution to instruct our Senators and request our Representatives in Congress to secure the passage of laws to punish and prevent the dealing in cotton and grain futures in the United States," was laid before the Senate and read.

## SENATOR GREGG

Opposed its adoption.

## SENATOR ARMISTEAD

Favored it.

## SENATOR BURGESS

Opposed it.

## SENATOR M'DONALD

Favored it.

## SENATOR BURNBY

Opposed it.

## SENATOR GLASSCOCK

Moved to refer it to Committee on Federal Relations.

Lost.

## SENATOR STINSON

Moved to adjourn till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Lost.

The resolution was lost by the following vote.

## YEAS—5.

Armistead,	Simkins.
Glasscock,	Woodward.
McDonald,	

## NAYS—20.

Abercrombie,	Burges,
Allen,	Burney,
Bell,	Calhoun,

Camp,	Harrison,
Claiborne,	Knittle,
Douglass of J,	Lane,
Douglass of G,	Stinson,
Field,	Terrell,
Frank,	Upshaw,
Gregg,	Woods.

## SENATOR FRANK

Offered the following privileged report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }  
AUSTIN, February 3, 1887. }

*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 103, being "An act to authorize railway companies to abandon certain portions of their roads near the coast, where their termini are at points where towns, being county seats, have been destroyed by storms and cyclones," and find the same correctly engrossed.

FRANK, chairman.

## THE PRESIDENT

Announced the appointment of Sam H. Johnson to be Assistant Journal Clerk, vice Geo. M. Israel, appointed Clerk of Judiciary Committee No. 1.

On motion of Senator Upshaw,

The Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

## TWENTY-THIRD DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
AUSTIN, TEX., February 5, 1887. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment,

Lieutenant-Governor T. B. Wheeler in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

On motion of Senator Woodward,

The reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

On motion of Senator Woods,

Senator Knittle was excused for to-day.

On motion of Senator Camp,

Senator Pope was excused on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Woodward,

Senator Glasscock was excused till Wednesday.

On motion of Senator Bell,

Senator Harrison was excused for to-day.

## PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

BY SENATOR CALHOUN:

Petition of the business men of Brownwood and San Saba, against the Moore insurance bill.

Referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History.

BY SENATOR FRANK:

Petition of business men of Valley Mills, Bosque county, against the Moore insurance bill.

Referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History.

And petition from citizens of Erath county, for the enactment of numerous laws, etc.

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

BY SENATOR BELL:

Protest of citizens of Lampasas county, against the passage of the Moore insurance bill.

Referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History.

BY SENATOR TERRELL:

Petitions of citizens and business men of Kaufman and Terrell, against the Moore insurance bill.

Referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History.

BY SENATOR SIMKINS:

Petitions from the business men and the city council of Corsicana, praying for the passage of the Moore insurance bill.

Referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History.

THE PRESIDENT

Gave notice of signing Senate bill No. 21, being "An act to amend Article 4, title 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, approved March 31, 1885, concerning the administration of affidavits, oaths and confirmations."

## COMMITTEE REPORTS.

BY SENATOR FRANK:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }

AUSTIN, February 4, 1887. }

*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 51, being "An act to make it penal to prevent, or attempt to prevent, any person from engaging or remaining in, or performing the duties of any lawful employment, and to fix a penalty therefor," and find the same correctly engrossed.

FRANK, chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM. }

AUSTIN, February 4, 1887. }

*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 16, being "An act to amend Article 549, chapter 10, title 15, Penal Code of the State of Texas," and find the same correctly engrossed.

FRANK, chairman.

BY SENATOR ABERCROMBIE:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }

AUSTIN, February 5, 1887. }

*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 21, being "An act to amend an act to amend Article 4, title 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, approved March 31, 1885, concerning the administration of affidavits, oaths and affirmations," and find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10 o'clock and ten minutes a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

ABERCROMBIE, chairman.

BY SENATOR ARMISTEAD:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }

AUSTIN, February 4, 1887. }

*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 177, entitled "An act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office and the Treasurer of the State to refund to all parties who have paid money into either of said departments for patent fees and government dues, the amount so paid in, where patents have been conceded, or in cases where under the law no patents can issue on the certificates, pre-emption settlers' claims, or any other locations or surveys of the public lands of the State," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARMISTEAD, acting chairman.

Bill read first time.

*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:*

MINORITY REPORT.

The undersigned, a member of the Finance Committee, to which commit-

tee was referred Senate bill No. 177: "An act entitled an act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office and the Treasurer of the State to refund to all parties who have paid money into either of said departments for patent fees and government dues, the amount so paid in where patents have been canceled, or in case where under the law no patents can issue on the certificates, preemption, settler's claim or any other locations or surveys of the public lands of the State, beg leave to dissent from a majority of the committee in reporting said bill unfavorably, and presents this minority report and asks its adoption, believing that the State should deal as fair, honest and honorable with its citizens that individuals should deal with each other, and that the State should not receive money from its citizens for a certain purpose and fail to accomplish that purpose, and not refund the money so received, is not only unjust but dishonest, and should not be encouraged or tolerated.

Respectfully submitted.

GLASSCOCK,  
One of the Committee,

COMMITTEE ROOM.  
AUSTIN, February 4, 1887. }

*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate;*

Sir—Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 166, entitled "An act to release the citizens of Calhoun county from the payment of taxes due the State of Texas for the year 1886," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARMISTEAD, acting chairman.

Bill read first time.

BY SENATOR WOODWARD,  
By request:

COMMITTEE ROOM.  
AUSTIN, February 3, 1887. }  
*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate;*

The undersigned, a minority of your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 166, proposing to release the citizens of Calhoun county from the payment of taxes due to the State for the year ending 1886, dissenting from the view of a majority of your committee, beg leave to submit this minority report.

The preamble to the bill states that a great storm and flood swept over said county in the month of August, 1886, destroying Indianola, its county seat; that in large portions of the county the entire crops were destroyed, and large numbers of cattle, horses and other stock were destroyed, and many dwellings, out-buildings and fences were demolished, and scarcely a building in the county left standing, that was not more or less wrecked and damaged; that a large number of persons lost their lives, and many of those surviving were left houseless and homeless.

For these and other reasons that must be apparent, from the current history of the time, recording the great destruction of their property caused by the storm referred to, on the coast of Texas, and particularly in Calhoun county, and Indianola, I would most respectfully recommend that said bill do pass.

GLASSCOCK, for minority.

BY SENATOR BURNEY:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, February 4, 1887. }  
*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate;*

Sir—Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 143, entitled "An act to provide for the exclusive management and control of the lands of the University of Texas by the board of regents, with power to lease or sell the same, and to institute necessary suits concerning said lands," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report back the accompanying substitute for the same, with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GLASSCOCK, chairman.  
Bill read first time with committee-substitute.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, February 5, 1887. }  
*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate;*

Sir—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 40, being "An act to amend chapter 18 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas by adding thereto Article 1379a," and find the same correctly engrossed.

FRANK, chairman.

#### BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

BY SENATOR WOODS:

"An act to amend Article 178, chap-

ter 4, of title 6, of the Penal Code, so as to prevent the selling of liquors on election day."

Under this act it would be unlawful to sell, barter or give away any liquor, etc., at any hour of election day.

The act makes it finable, in any sum not less than \$100 and not more than \$500.

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

BY SENATOR HOUSTON:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend Article 1094, Code of Criminal Procedure."

The bill regulates the fees of sheriffs.

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

BY SENATOR BURNEY:

A bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the exchange of alternate sections of land in portions of the State, between individuals and the State.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

THE PRESIDENT

Announced the following references:

Substitute House bill No. 24, to Committee on Finance.

House bill No. 34, to Committee on Judicial Districts.

S. H. B. No. 32, to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

House bill No. 125, to Committee on Privileges and Elections.

SENATOR HOUSTON

Moved to take up out of its regular order Senate bill No. 62. A bill to be entitled "An act to prevent the unauthorized enclosure of land and to make the maintenance of existing unauthorized enclosures of such penal."

Withdrawn.

On motion of Senator Houston,

The bill was made the special order for Monday next, after morning call.

A message was received from the House announcing the passage of Senate bill No. 5, with House amendments.

THE PRESIDENT

Laid before the Senate, Senate bill No. 5. "An act to amend Article 1653, title 33, of the Revised Civil Statutes," with House amendments.

On motion of Senator Terrell,

The Senate refused to concur in the House amendments.

Senate bill No. 10. "An act to repeal Article 685 of the Code of Criminal Procedure," was laid before the Senate in its regular order, and read the second time.

SENATOR BELL

Made a lengthy argument in favor of the bill.

SENATOR CAMP

Spoke at some length against its passage.

On motion of Senator Abercrombie,

The consideration of the bill was postponed, and it was made the special order for Tuesday next after morning call.

Senate bill No 15. "An act to make it penal to use language or be guilty of conduct reasonably calculated to provoke a breach of the peace, and to prescribe a punishment therefor," was taken up and read second time, with favorable committee report.

Senators Woods and Allen made speeches in favor of the passage of the bill.

SENATOR UPSHAW

Spoke against its passage.

SENATOR BURNEY

Offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding after words "demonstration towards" in line four, and before the words "such person," or "grin or make mouths at."

Lost.

SENATOR LANE

Offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out all after the word "person," in line 3, down to and including the word "person," in line 4, and insert "or use any violently abusive language to such person concerning him or any of his female relatives."

SENATOR LANE

Spoke in favor of the amendment, and the same was adopted.

SENATOR M'DONALD

Offered the following amendment:

Amend by inserting after the word person in line 3, the words "under such circumstances as are reasonably calculated to provoke a breach of the peace."

SENATOR M'DONALD

Spoke in favor of his amendment, but said he would vote against the bill.

SENATOR ARMISTEAD

Favored the amendment.

SENATOR BARNEY

Opposed the amendment and the bill.

SENATOR ALLEN

Spoke in favor of the amendment.

Adopted.

SENATOR HOUSTON

Offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out in line 1, the words "Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas."

SENATOR DOUGLASS OF JEFFERSON

Offered the following amendment:

Provided, That any person who shall make out any complaint or file any affidavit under this law, shall be adjudged to pay all cost of prosecution when no conviction is had, and a verdict of not guilty is returned.

SENATOR HOUSTON

Raised the point of order that his amendment was first offered and should first be acted upon.

The point of order was not sustained, the president holding that the friends of the bill had a right to perfect it by amendments before its enemies could kill it.

SENATOR DOUGLASS OF JEFFERSON spoke in favor of his amendment, but it was lost.

SENATOR M'DONALD

Moved to amend by striking out the words "in any court of competent jurisdiction," in line 6.

Adopted.

The amendment offered by Senator Houston was next acted upon, and was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—8.

Abererombie,	Douglass of J,
Burney,	Houston,
Camp,	McDonald,
Claiborne,	Upshaw.

NAYS—13.

Allen,	Gregg.
Armistead,	Lane,
Bell,	Shukins,
Calhoun,	Terrell,
Douglass of G,	Woods,
Field,	Woodward.
Frank,	

ABSENT—1.

Stinson.

The bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed.

A message was received from the House that the House refused to recede from its amendments to Senate bill No. 5, and that it asked for a conference committee to be appointed on the same, and that Messrs. Browning, Hudgins and Moore of Travis, had been appointed on said conference committee on the part of the House.

SENATOR TERRELL

Moved that the Senate accede to the request of the House, and that a conference committee be appointed on the part of the Senate.

Adopted.

THE PRESIDENT

Appointed Senators Terrell, Bell and

McDonald on the committee on the part of the Senate.

By leave

SENATOR TERRELL

Sent up the following committee reports.

COMMITTEE ROOM.

AUSTIN, February 4, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 68, entitled "An act to validate the official acts of William Veale, a notary public of Stephens county, Texas, and oath required by law of notaries public," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do lie upon the table, subject to call. The proposed act being a special law, it does not appear that the notice required by law of intention to apply for the relief sought has been given.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TERRELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM.

AUSTIN, February 4, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 24, entitled "An act to define a certain part of the boundary of the State of Texas, and authorize the institution and prosecution of a suit in the Supreme Court of the United States against the State of Kansas, to establish the same, and to establish the jurisdiction of the State of Texas over certain territories therein described, and to appropriate money to meet the expenses attending such suit," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TERRELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

BY SENATOR BELL,

By leave:

COMMITTEE ROOM,

AUSTIN, February 4, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary No. 1, to whom was referred Senate

bill No. 50, entitled "An act to require railway companies to give their employes notice before reducing their wages or discharging them, and to require employes before striking to give such company notice of their intention to strike," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, with the following amendments:

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HARRISON, acting chairman.

Amendment No. 1: After the word "given," in line 8, section 1, insert the words, "to be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction."

Amendment No. 2: After the word "whenever," in line 1, section 2, insert the words, "any of."

Amendment No. 3: In line 8, section 2, after the word "shall," strike out the word "forfeit," and insert, "be liable in damages."

Amendment No. 4: In line 8, section 2, after the word "company," insert, "to the amount of."

Amendment No. 5: In line 9, section 2, after the word "company," add the following: "To be recouped by such company, in any suit by such employe, or his assigns, to recover his wages."

Amendment No. 6: In line 1, section 3, page 2, strike out all after the word "effect," and insert the following: "Notice within the meaning of this act may be given by employes to any station agent of the company, in writing, and notice by the company shall be given to the employe in person, in writing."

Amendment No. 7: In line 2, section 4, after the word "employe," insert "who is incompetent, or."

Amendment No. 8: In line 2, section 4, after the word "who," strike out the word "wilfully."

Bill read first time.

SENATOR LANE

Gave notice of intention to file minority report.

Senate bill No. 19. "An act to amend Article 4257, chapter 10, of title 84, of the Revised Civil Statutes," was laid before the Senate and read second time with favorable committee report, and was, on motion of Senator Upshaw, postponed till next Friday.

Senate bill No. 60. "An act to be entitled 'an act to amend Article 182, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas,'" was taken up and read sec-

ond time with unfavorable committee report, and was postponed till next Thursday, on motion of Senator Terrell.

Senate bill No. 66. "An act to amend Article 605, chapter 2, title 8, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of Texas," was laid before the Senate and read second time with favorable committee report.

SENATOR BELL

Offered the following amendment:

"Amend by inserting 'not less than thirty-six,' after the words 'number of persons.'"

SENATOR BELL

Spoke in favor of the amendment, and it was adopted and the bill ordered engrossed.

Senate bill No. 67. "An act to amend Article 191, chapter 2, title 9 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas," was laid before the Senate and read second time, with unfavorable committee report.

SENATOR BURNEY

Made an argument in favor of the bill.

SENATOR M'DONALD

Moved that the bill be recommitted to Judiciary Committee No. 1, and the motion was adopted, and the bill recommitted.

Senate bill No 69: "An act to amend Article 156, chapter 1, title 9, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas," was taken up and read second time with unfavorable committee report.

SENATOR GREGG

Made a speech in opposition to the committee report.

On motion of Senator Terrell the unfavorable committee report was adopted and the bill was lost.

Senate bill No. 70: "An act to amend Article 4489 and 4492, title 90, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas," was taken up and read second time with favorable committee report and three committee amendments.

The amendments were acted upon severally and each adopted.

SENATOR GREGG

Moved to amend by striking from the caption the words "and Article 4492."

The author explained the amendment and it was adopted.

On motion of Senator Bell,

The bill was considered section by section.

SENATOR TERRELL

Moved to amend by striking out words

"or suffer to be wasted," in line 2, section 1.

Adopted.

SENATOR M'DONALD

Moved to amend by striking out "or his separate property when such suit is for alimony as well as for divorce," in lines 3 and 4, section 1.

Adopted.

SENATOR TERRELL

Moved to strike out the word "and" in line one, of section 2, and insert "or."

The Senator spoke in favor of the amendment and it was adopted.

SENATOR M'DONALD

Moved to amend section 2, as follows:

Amend by striking out the words "said property" in line 3, and inserting the words "the same."

Adopted.

SENATOR M'DONALD

Moved to amend by adding the words "limits of the" after the first word "the" in line 2, section 2.

Adopted.

SENATOR BELL

Moved to amend by adding "of any description" in line 2, section 2, after the word "property."

Adopted.

SENATOR HOUSTON

Made the point of order that no quorum seemed to be present and that the roll should be called to see whether or not a quorum be present.

The point of order was first overruled, but afterwards sustained, and the roll was called and no quorum was present.

SENATOR TERRELL

Moved a call of the Senate.

Call sustained, and Senators Simkins and Stinson were found to be absent without excuse.

The sergeant-at-arms was dispatched to bring in the absent Senators.

SENATOR CALHOUN

Moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

Lost.

SENATOR UPSHAW

Moved to adjourn until 10:30 o'clock Monday morning.

Lost.

SENATOR BURNEY

Moved to adjourn until 9:30 o'clock Monday morning.

Lost.

SENATOR ARMISTEAD

Moved to adjourn until 10:15 o'clock Monday morning.

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—7.

Abercrombie,	Douglass of J,
Armistead,	Lane,
Burney,	Upshaw.
Calhoun,	

NAYS—13.

Allen,	Gregg,
Bell,	Houston.
Camp,	McDonald,
Claiborne,	Terrell,
Douglass of G,	Woods,
Field,	Woodward,
Frank,	

ABSENT—2.

Simkins.	Stinson.
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SENATOR CLAIBORNE

Moved to adjourn until 3 o'clock this evening.

Lost.

SENATOR STINSON

Was announced at the door.

A quorum was found to be present, and on motion of Senator Terrell the call was suspended.

SENATOR TERRELL

Offered to substitute section 3, as follows:

3. When a person sues for the foreclosure of a mortgage or the enforcement of a lien upon personal property of any description, and makes oath that he fears the defendant or person in possession thereof will injure, ill treat, waste or destroy such property or remove the same out of the county during the pendency of the suit.

Adopted.

SENATOR TERRELL

Moved to substitute section 4, as follows:

4. When any person sues for the title or possession of real property, and makes oath that he fears the defendant or person in possession thereof, will make use of his possession to injure such property, or waste or convert to his own use the fruits or revenue produced by the same.

Adopted.

SENATOR TERRELL

Offered the following substitute for section 5:

5. When any person sues for the title or possession of any property from which he has been ejected by force or

violence, and makes oath of such fact.  
Adopted.

SENATOR TERRELL

Moved to substitute section 6, as follows:

6. When any person sues for the foreclosure of a mortgage or the enforcement of a lien on real estate, and makes oath that he fears the defendant or person in possession thereof will make use of such possession to injure such property, or waste or convert to his own use the timber, rents, fruits or revenue thereof.

Adopted.

SENATOR GREGG

Moved to amend by inserting in line 2, section 7, between the words "cloud" and "any," the words "upon the title to."

SENATOR GREGG

Spoke in favor of the amendment, and it was adopted.

As amended, the bill passed to engrossment.

SENATOR HOUSTON

Offered the following resolution.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House be authorized to appoint a porter, whose duty it shall be to attend the Senate and House committee rooms, and perform such other work as the Sergeants-at-Arms of the two houses may direct.

SENATORS HOUSTON AND STINSON

Spoke in favor of the resolution and it was adopted.

BY SENATOR ARMISTEAD:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend Article 4227, chapter 10, title 84, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to compel railway corporations to take, transport and deliver shipments within a reasonable time."

Referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Senator Lane,

The Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

## TWENTY-FOURTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER. }

AUSTIN, February 7, 1887. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieut. Governor Wheeler in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

On motion of Senator Upshaw,

The reading of the Journal of Saturday was dispensed with.

On motion of Senator Woods,

Senator Knittle was excused for to-day, on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Camp,

Senator Pope was excused for to-day, on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Bell,

Senator Stinson was excused indefinitely, on account of sickness.

## PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

BY SENATOR CALHOUN:

Protest of the business men and citizens of Abilene, Texas, against the passage of the Moore insurance bill.

Referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History.

BY SENATOR FIELD:

A petition from the colored citizens of Robertson county, praying that the State convicts be confined inside the walls of the penitentiaries, and also for the establishment of an industrial school for colored youths.

Referred to Committee on Penitentiaries.

BY SENATOR UPSHAW:

Protest of citizens of Comanche county against the Moore insurance bill.

Referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS.

BY SENATOR BELL:

COMMITTEE ROOM. }

AUSTIN, February 5, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 93, entitled "An act to amend Article 441, chapter 4, title 7, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

The bill seeks to dispense with the very needless requirement that a judgment *nisi* shall state that it will be made final at the next term of the court unless good cause be shown why the defendant did not appear.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.